(c) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government also propose to explore possibilities of counter trade with these countries;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (g). Trade Agreements with the new Republics of Kazahistan and Uzbekistan have been signed. Trade Protocols for 1992 have also been concluded with Russia and Uzbekistan. The new Agreements/Protocols signed provide for trade in non-convertible Indian rupees on a balanced basis while also permitting transactions by way of Counter trade, barter, payments in freely convertible currency or any other internationally recognised form of business co-operation.

Simplification of Export Procedure

1771. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to simplify exports procedure and to make it in tune with the global market; and

(b) the time by which uniform exprot procedure is likely to be evolved for all the countries as in U.S.A., U.K. or Janpan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Review of the export policy and export procedures is a continuous process. Keeping in view the need to promote exports amendments are carried out from time to time.

Pepper Production

1772. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earned from export cess of pepper during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount spent for pepper cultivation and development during the above period;

(c) whether the Government propose to allocate more amounts for development of pepper production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The amount realised from export cess on black pepper is indicated below:-

1989-90	Rs. 0.75 crores
1990-91	Rs. 0.65 crores
1991-92	Rs. 0.40 crores

(b) to (d). The outlay for pepper cultivation and development under the central sector integrated programme for the development of spices is given below:

1989-90	Rs. 0.65 crores
1990-91	Rs. 1.16 crores
1991-92	Rs. 3. 37 crores

Besides, the pepper growers and exporters avail of a host of indirect benefits through different schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture and Spicces Board for promoting export and improving productivity. The